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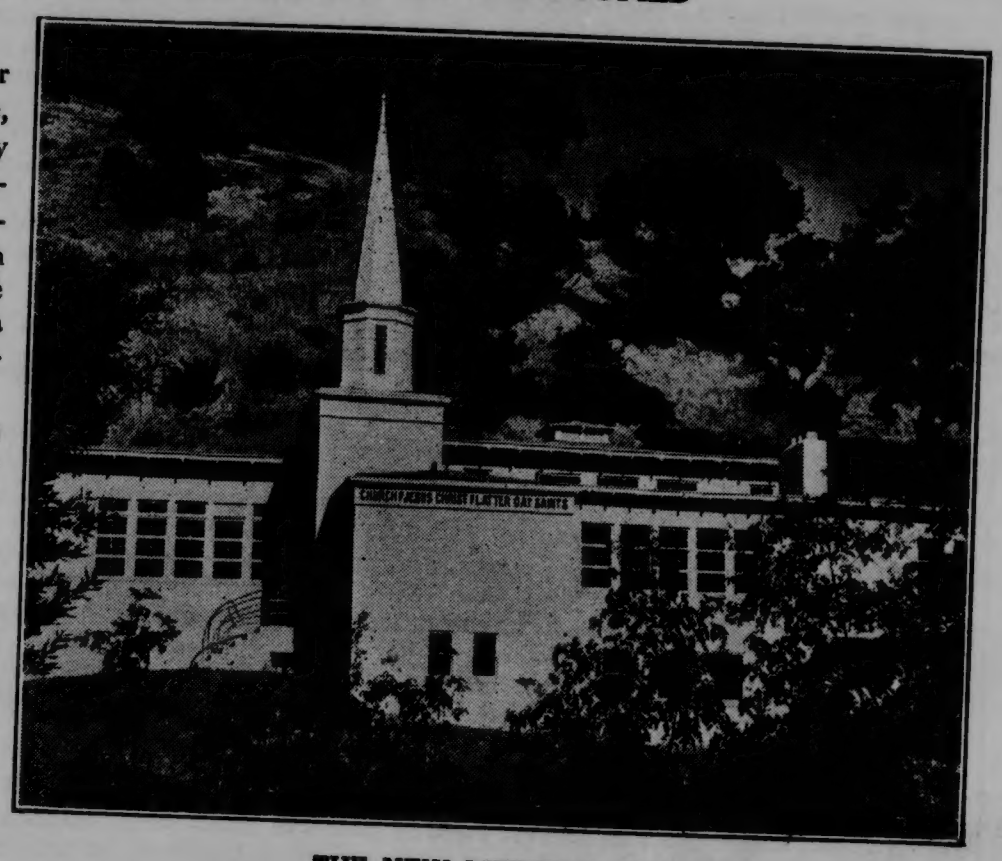
MARTINEZ CHAPEL NOW OCCUPIED

SIXTH EDIFICE IN STAKE

Another milestone for the church as a whole, and more especially the people of Martinez ward, has recently been passed with the completion of the Martinez chapel, at a total cost of approximately $12,800.

The setting for the chapel is one of extraordinary picturesqueness and charm, located on the banks of a beautiful creek with hills as a background The plot is 2.7 acres in extent, which will not only allow lovely gardens and landscaping, but also furnish the ward with its own parking lot and picnic grounds, including a barbecue pit.



THE NEW MEETING CHAPEL

One of the remarkable features of the Martinez chapel is the rapidity with which this small group of people completed it. Actual construction was begun on December 27, 1939. The only hired labor used for the entire chapel was for putting on the roofing material and the installing of the heating system. As the total ward enrollment is around 250 members, and they are scattered from Rodeo to Walnut Creek, this speaks very highly not only for the members, but for the ward leadership and especially the building committee, at whose head was Elder Glenn Robinson. The Relief Society also did its bit by furnishing hot lunches for the workmen.

At no time during the entire construction of the chapel was the ward in debt. Everything was paid for as they went along, and the chapel now stands complete, free and unencumbered.

The material for the exterior of the church is asbestos shingle of a very high grade, which not only makes the building more or less fireproof but also has an insulating quality. Another excellent feature of this material is that it requires no painting, which will lessen the yearly upkeep. The tar and gravel roof is finished in the old tradition of churches with a steeple, which is made of plywood upon which rests a hexagonal wood block, which in turn is completed with a steel spire.

Upon entering, one finds himself in an entrance hall which leads by doors on the left to both the chapel proper, and the recreation hall. The chapel is attractively finished, and has very excellent acoustic qualities. It has a seating capacity of about 120, and is connected with the recreation hall at its rear with large doors, which in an emergency may be opened to allow the placing of chairs, which will more than double its capacity.

The recreation hall is provided with a good-sized stage, and has an excellent dance floor.

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THE PIONEERING OF MARTINEZ WARD

By RUTH OSTEGAR

Many great and worthwhile things are said to have had a very small or simple origin, and such is the case with the thrifty Martinez ward.

In 1926 a small group of earnest Latter-day Saints, who realized the benefits and advantages derived from studying the gospel, and attending church services regularly, met together one Sabbath morning for the purpose of organizing a Sunday School. This first meeting of what later became the Martinez ward, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Barnes, on Pine Street. There were, we are told, only eight members present.

A few months later the struggling little branch Sunday School had drawn the attention of the local papers, and we find the following article published in a Martinez paper early in the year 1927:

"Completion of organization of the Martinez branch of the Church of Latter-day Saints, Mormons, was effected Sunday at a gathering of Mormons at Odd Fellows hall. Apostle George Albert Smith of Salt Lake City, and Joseph W. McMurrin of Los Angeles, president of the California branch of the church, attended and aided in the organization.

"John J. Kest was ordained as presiding elder of the church here and J. H. Bunce and E. G. Barnes were installed as first and second counselors. Robert Black was ordained as superintendent of the Sunday School with Melvin T. Osborne and John T. Abbott as his counselors. Auxiliary officers are to be selected and will be installed on February 13."

Andrew Easton was also made branch clerk.

On July 10, 1927, when a special conference was called at the Oakland chapel for the pur-

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ONE WHO KNEW THE PROPHET

By ISAAC B. BALL

(EDITOR'S NOTE: *This is the eighth installment of a short biography of Joseph Mayberry, father of Josephine Mayberry Braley of Claremont ward. Another installment will appear in an early issue.*)

Our annalist, age twenty-two years, one of a small band of Saints called to remain in almost-deserted Nauvoo, writes of conditions there in the spring of 1846: "The Saints had all gone by this time except the sick, the crippled, the aged, and the very poor, and the few who had been called to stay and render aid. We had sent nearly all we possessed ahead, counting on a harvest, but mobbings continued and all business was practically at a standstill. Great excitement prevailed . . . On July 13 the mob came upon us again, inflicting terrible punishment. Again on August 13, the mob had decided to drive us all from Nauvoo. However, by means of a compromise, we were given another 60 days to vacate our own property. If any dared to purchase our possessions to help us leave, they were attacked as we were ourselves."

The attitude of the mob, called a "militia," continued threatening. Even the little harvesting left could not be finished. On the tenth day of September the watchman on the tower of the Temple announced the mob approaching on the main road. Four companies of the "Volunteers of Nauvoo" went out to defend the defenseless. For three days this continued.

"There were two old steamboat shafts on

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IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE

Advices from the First Presidency are that plans for the Idaho Falls Temple have been completed and construction will get under way very soon. It has been decided to call upon the entire church for donations for its erection and Sunday, September 1st, has been designated as the day on which such donations will be received by bishops and branch presidents everywhere. Such donations will be in addition to and apart from contributions for tithing and fast offerings.

BANCROFT LIBRARY TO GET THE MESSENGER

The University of California maintains a most complete library of western history, known as the Bancroft Library. Recently a request was received from the librarian by the Stake Presidency asking for any material we might have available on the Mormons, past and present, in California. In response to his request, a complete file of THE MESSENGER is being prepared and will be given to the library in the near future. J. Edward Johnson has been designated to represent the Stake in cooperation with the efforts of the library to gather and preserve material of historical worth. If anyone has any such material, Elder Johnson should be contacted.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, August 23—Stake Dancing Party, Elmhurst Ward Palm Gardens.

Saturday and Sunday, September 7-8—Quarterly conference.

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We love and cherish our Country. We believe that the nations which occupy this choice land must be righteous and just. We have been informed through modern revelation that three mighty peoples have been destroyd from this land because their individual lives and government failed to conform to revealed truth.

We believe that the constitution of the United States was an inspired document, that the men who framed it were raised up for that special purpose, and that the liberties guaranteed under it have blessed our lives and have made possible the establishment of the Church of God in the earth. Our prophets have foretold the time when the forces of evil and corruption will be so strong in this nation that the Latter-day Saints will rise to the defense of our glorious constitution and set up a standard to which the honest and true may rally.

While all this is apparent, yet the church does not engage in politics. **Its assemblies are for the purpose of worshiping God and studying His truths revealed, and not to be used as forums for any political party or candidate.** Members of the church, as individuals, and as citizens are encouraged to be active in all legitimate political party undertakings. In this activity they do not speak for the church, or its members, since each person will act for himself in these matters. The authority that is rightly exercised in the church through the Holy Priesthood is automatically ended if any attempt is made to use it "in any degree of unrighteousness" or "unjust dominion."

Let us be true Saints and loyal citizens. Rightly understood, neither will in any sense interfere with the proper place or rights of the other. While political activity is encouraged, let us be tolerant of the opinions and rights of others, and ever seek to establish righteousness and truth by kindness, persuasion, diligence and humility. These are the principles advocated and practiced by the Master, and they shall ultimately triumph.

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pose of organizing a Stake at Zion in northern California, Martinez became one of the original wards. Their branch presidency was promoted to be the bishopric of the new ward.

"Yes," said John J. Kest to the writer, "I was bishop of Martinez for about eight years, and let me tell you we surely did some pioneering." The following are a few incidents related by Elder Kest of the early struggles.

The ward at first comprised the towns of Martinez, Walnut Creek, Crockett, Rodeo, Clyde, Pittsburg, Antioch and Brentwood. When the bishop went to bed he was never sure of being able to sleep throughout the night. At almost any time the telephone would ring and a call would come for him to go twenty miles in one direction to administer to the sick, or fifteen miles in another to comfort the relatives of someone who had just passed away. And one night he was even called in by the police to help settle a free-for-all family fight in the neighborhood.

As Martinez is mainly an industrial town, with large refineries, the membership of the ward was ever fluctuating, and as the other towns were quite a distance away it was not at all unusual during the first few years to have only one or two members of the priesthood at the services. And the same person would very often have to open with prayer, help administer the sacrament, lead the singing, and end up by preaching one of the sermons.

Missionaries from the California Mission were really a Godsend during those poineering years. They not only helped carry on the activities of the ward, but also were indispensible in rounding up old members and bringing new investigators into the fold. David A. Haymore was conference president in those days, and he is well remembered by all the "old timers."

A short time after Elder Kest was made bishop he moved away and was released from his labors. His first counselor, John H. Bunce, then became bishop in his place, with Andrew Easton as first, and John T. Abbott as second counselor, and Mernie A. Bunce, ward clerk. Elder Kest returned to Martinez in 1928. As Elder Bunce was suffering from ill health, he was released as bishop and Elder Kest was once more given the office, on August 26, 1928. Elders Easton and Abbott retained their positions as counselors, and E. J. Barnes was made ward clerk.

The first place of meeting for the ward was the Odd Fellows hall, and as all sorts of other meetings, parties or affairs were held there, the members of the church were never sure in what condition they might find the hall on Sunday morning. One Sabbath they received word that the Stake Presidency were going to attend the evening services. Of course they wanted their place of meeting to look as nice as possible. After Sunday School they cleaned the hall and straightened the chairs, several of the good sisters went out and found flowers and arranged them artistically, and the premises were left looking their best. At about 6:45 that evening the Stake Presidency and the Bishopric arrived at the hall, and when the doors were unlocked what a sight met their eyes! A Portuguese wedding had been held there during the afternoon, and beside the general confusion, the hall fairly reeked of spilled wine and tobacco smoke.

This was probably one of the experiences which aroused the Saints to the ideal of some day having their own chapel, although at that time it must have seemed very far off and impossible. However, they felt that it was necessary for them to find some other place of meeting and after searching throughout the town, the small hall at 1022 Thompson Street was found, practically rebuilt by the members of the ward and used as their chapel until the completion of the present building. It has now been given by the landlord to the members of the church, who plan to tear down the building and use the material in the erection of a caretaker's cottage.

During the worst depression years there was much suffering among the Saints, and the care of the poor was very strenuous. Every cent that could possibly be raised by fast offerings found an immediate use, and sometimes it was even necessary to use part of the tithing for the care of the needy and the sick. The bishopric, assisted by the Relief Society, under the direction of Mrs. Barnes, did their best to alleviate suffering, especially among the faithful, during those hard years when so many were unemployed.

In January, 1935, due to Elder Kest once again moving from the ward, Elder John T. Abbott was made bishop, with Andrew Easton and Willard B. Knowles as first and second counselors, respectively, and Albert Guymon as ward clerk. In 1939 Andrew Easton was released as first counselor and his place was filled by Elder Guymon, with the office of ward clerk being held by Le Grande Cooke. And so the bishopric stands today.

When the present members of this bishopric were asked concerning their problems, they replied, "Well, our chief problem has been the erection of the new chapel," and we feel that this new chapel speaks very highly for the integrity, industry, and efficiency of the present membership of the ward, and that it will stand for many years as a symbol of what has been accomplished by all of these good brothers and sisters from its beginning.

CALIFORNIA MISSION RENEWS ACTIVITY IN STAKE

Evacuation of missionaries from European fields has increased the number available for the western hemisphere, with the result that there have been sufficient to assign some to metropolitan centers which hitherto have been handled by Stake missionaries. Several missionaries have been assigned to San Francisco and Oakland Stakes where they will collaborate with Stake missionaries in tracting, cottage meetings and other labors. Thus far those assigned to Oakland Stake consist of four ladies, Sisters Dorothy Groves and Arlene Redd, who will labor in Berkeley, and Sisters Jones and Biehwig, who will labor in Claremont.

DESTRUCTION UPON THE WATERS

"Nevertheless, I suffered it that ye might bear record; behold, there are many dangers upon the waters, and more especially hereafter; . . . . . .

"Behold, I, the Lord, in the beginning blessed the waters; but in the last days, by the mouth of my servant John, I cursed the waters.

"Wherefore, the days will come that no flesh shall be safe upon the waters.

"And it shall be said in days to come that none is able to go up to the land of Zion upon the waters, but he that is upright in heart."

Doctrine and Covenants, 6:4, 14-16.

BERKELEY WARD

All Services Held at Chapel, Corner Vine and Walnut Streets, Berkeley

The Sunday evening service of June 30, was under the direction of the genealogical association—Alvin Carpenter spoke on the subject, "The Significance of Temple Work for the Living." Special music was furnished by Francis Neilson, soloist, and Nelle Bean, pianist.

President and Mrs. W. Aird McDonald were Berkeley visitors recently. They came here to meet their son, Keith, who was returning from the Northwestern States Mission.

A special feature of the M.I.A. Sunday service for July was a song service conducted by Maybeth Johnson and vocal duets by Orthella Hughes and Oral Luke. M-Men and Gleaner Girls who also contributed to the program were Carver Moosman, Kathryn Rock, Phil Bean, Mary Lou Coombs, Clark Hughes and Mel Puterbaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hall are now enjoying a motor trip east. They will visit the New York World's Fair, as well as places of interest in early church history.

On Sunday, July 21, the speakers at the evening service were Ray Dorton and Delbert H. Wright. They were representatives of the high council. Musical selections were given by Afton Stout, soloist, and Karleton Driggs, organist.

The auxiliary organizations of the ward are actively carrying on their summer work. The Relief Society are doing special sewing for the Red Cross.

The Primary Beginners' group had their party under the direction of Mrs. Sorensen. Group I was entertained by their leader Bessie Brab. Group II was entertained by Mary Huish. This group has a membership of eight members, each one eight years of age. The motif of eight was carried out in the decorations.

Zion's Boys and Zion's Girls enjoyed a picnic at Tilden Park under the leadership of Lyle Coombs. The Blue Birds entertained their mothers, with the help of their leader, Thelma Gardner. The Trekkers, under the direction of Edith Pyle, enjoyed a breakfast party at Sequoia Park. The Trail Builders attended a radio broadcast at KSFO, followed by a trip to Fleischhacker Zoo with their leaders, Lella Erickson and Lyle Coombs. The Sea Gulls have cooking as their project. They are preparing for further activities later in the summer under the direction of their leader, Francell Larson.

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While all this is apparent, yet the church does not engage in politics. **Its assemblies are for the purpose of worshiping God and studying His truths revealed, and not to be used as forums for any political party or candidate.** Members of the church, as individuals, and as citizens are encouraged to be active in all legitimate political party undertakings. In this activity they do not speak for the church, or its members, since each person will act for himself in these matters. The authority that is rightly exercised in the church through the Holy Priesthood is automatically ended if any attempt is made to use it "in any degree of unrighteousness" or "unjust dominion."

Let us be true Saints and loyal citizens. Rightly understood, neither will in any sense interfere with the proper place or rights of the other. While political activity is encouraged, let us be tolerant of the opinions and rights of others, and ever seek to establish righteousness and truth by kindness, persuasion, diligence and humility. These are the principles advocated and practiced by the Master, and they shall ultimately triumph.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR AUGUST

Alameda: Delbert F. Wright, Hugh P. Anderson.
Berkeley: Don C. Wood, Frank J. Parsons.
Claremont: Nathan G. Tolman, O. Leslie Stone.
Dimond: William J. Nielsen, I. B. Ball.
Elmhurst: Grant Ellis, John G. Shields.
Hayward: Don J. Allphin, Marcel Lauper.
Maxwell Park: W. Glenn Harmon.
Martinez: Oscar Fontana.
Napa: Eugene Hilton.
Oakland: R. Kendall Tonmas, Harry Fletcher.
Pittsburg: Leo Crandall, J. A. Fishburn.
Richmond: J. Edward Johnson, Ray Darton.
Vallejo: Claude M. Dewsnup, Peter Borup.

WARD TEACHER'S MESSAGE FOR AUGUST, 1940

Financial, Physical, and Spiritual Power

Our Church is now engaged in an intensive effort to induce all members, young and old, male and female, rich and poor, to obey the Lord's law of health, the Word of Wisdom.

The principal objective of the campaign which is being carried on under the direction of the First Presidency and the Council of the Twelve, is to induce all members of the Church to abstain from the use of liquor or tobacco in any form themselves and by kindly persuasion to endeavor to win those Church members who have become enmeshed in these habits to overcome them.

This appeal from our Church leaders should have unanimous approval and support. The Lord has given us the Word of Wisdom for **"the temporal salvation of all Saints in the last days."** It was given "for a principle with promise, adapted to the capacity of the weak and the weakest of all Saints who are or can be called Saints."

One phase of the Word of Wisdom which has not been stressed as much as some others is the fact that this revelation was given to show forth "the order and will of God, **in the temporal salvation of all Saints in the last days."**

President Heber J. Grant has said: **"Obeying the Word of Wisdom gives financial, physical, and spiritual power."**

The astounding figures indicating the total consumption of liquor and tobacco in America reflect not only financial but also physical and spiritual bondage for millions of men, women, boys, and girls.

The Latter-day Saints have been warned of this condition. We have been told what to expect if we violate **the Lord's law of health.** We have also been given promises which every member of the Church should ponder well in these perilous days.

These are the promises:

And all saints who remember to keep and do these sayings, walking in obedience to the commandments, shall receive health in their navel and marrow to their bones; and shall find wisdom and great treasures of knowledge, even hidden treasures; and shall run and not be weary, and shall walk and not faint. And I, the Lord, give unto them a promise, that the destroying angel shall pass by them, as the children of Israel, and not slay them.

To obtain the blessings we must obey the law.

PIONEERING MARTINEZ WARD

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It will doubtless add much to the recreational facilities of the ward.

The Relief Society room is the largest of the class rooms, it has a western exposure with a lovely view, and is finished with a friendly fireplace. It is connected with a kitchen, which at present has only the plumbing, but which will be finished as soon as possible. The kitchen is also connected with the recreation hall by means of a short hallway. This will be handy for the serving of refreshments and church dinners.

In the basement there are two class rooms. The larger one, with a fireplace, is to be used as a Boy Scout room. There is a total, with the use of the recreation hall, stage, and kitchen, of ten possible class rooms, which should take care of the classes well into the future.

The entire chapel is well equipped for cold weather by the installation of a large Frazer cabinet blower-type furnace, which has outlets in every room. The lighting is efficiently taken care of with attractive fixtures throughout the building. There is also a buzzer system.

The drawing of the plans, and the architectural service for the building were in charge of Theodore G. Ruegg, one of the Church architects, who planned the Berkeley and Richmond chapels. Brother Heder, who has supervised the building of a large number of chapels in California and Nevada, was the contractor.

As you will no doubt desire to attend the dedication, which will be at the September conference, or at least drive out some Sunday to see this beautiful little chapel, it is located at the end of Arch Street, directly opposite the county hospital. When approaching the town via Alhambra Street, turn right at Arch. The members of the ward have just cause to be proud of their new meeting place, and extend an invitation to all to visit it soon.

STAKE ORGANIZED AT NATION'S CAPITAL

Prominently featured in the July 1st edition of *The Washington Post* was the organization of the Capital Stake of Zion, third east of the Mississippi, on Sunday, June 30th. President Rudger Clawson and Elder Albert E. Bowen of the Council of the Twelve, officiated. The new Stake presidency comprises Ezra T. Benson as president, with Samuel R. Carpenter and Ernest L. Wilkinson as counselors. Both Presidents Benson and Wilkinson are well known in the Bay area. Elder Benson did graduate work at the University of California just a short time ago, and Elder Wilkinson was a visitor here a year ago.

The new Stake will have about 3,000 members of record, divided into some five wards and one branch. In addition to covering the District of Columbia, it will include Baltimore, Maryland, Arlington, Virginia, and Fairview, Pennsylvania. One of the new bishops is Edgar B. Brossard, brother of C. J. Brossard of Maxwell Park, who will preside over the Washington ward.

President Benson is executive secretary of the National Council of Farmers Cooperatives; Elder Carpenter is assistant secretary of the Federal Reserve Board; and Elder Wilkinson is an attorney at law.

NOCTURNAL VISITOR WELCOMED

If called upon to testify, ye editor could truthfully say that not always the jingling of the telephone at the wee small hour of 2:00 a. m. heralds bad news; in fact, sometimes it is good news for *some*one. Witness the rude awakening he experienced the morning of July 26th. Too sleepy at first to gather his wits, he finally tumbled to the excited voice of Allan Tidwell, member of the Sunday School Board and husband of Leah Tidwell of THE MESSENGER staff, saying that a tiny daughter, Leah Jean, had just arrived and that the mother was doing well and the father was doing *very* well—with which latter statement ye editor (having gone through the experience four times), was inclined to agree. All of which goes to show that the Sunday School Board is trying to keep up with the M.I.A.—and with the help of THE MESSENGER staff, may succeed.

STAKE PRESIDENCY VACATIONING

Off with their children, whom they will leave in Utah, President Clyde Summerhays and wife have departed for a month's sojourn in points east. Their itinerary includes New York and Washington, D. C.

President Eugene Hilton and family expect to depart soon on their vacation with Utah as its focal point. President Harmon and his family have returned to Berkeley after a week at Tahoe.

FINAL REPORT ON FAST OFFERINGS FOR 1939

Just 13 cents per capita shy of the goal of $1.00 is the record of Oakland Stake in the final report on fast offerings for 1939. First reported as only 59 cents, the Presiding Bishop's office has corrected the figure to 87 cents.

JULY 24th OBSERVED IN OAKLAND STAKE

Pioneer Day was fittingly observed under the auspices of the Stake M.I.A., with a picnic and boat ride at Lake Merritt, terminated with a short program in the evening directed by the Aaronic Priesthood committee; and on Friday evening, the 26th, a Pioneer ball held in the Berkeley recreation hall. This marks the fourth year that such picnic celebrations have been held, each time with an increased number attending. It should not be long until Latter-day Saints are numerically strong enough to have the day declared a public holiday.

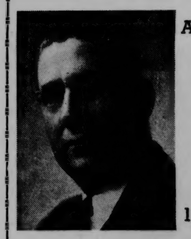
Feature of the evening program was the awarding to the Aaronic Priesthood quorums of Vallejo ward the silver loving cup, the gift of Klaas & Mehrkins, jewelers, for the best record in the first six months of the year; and the awarding to Dimond ward deacons' quorum of second place, with a Book of Mormon as the prize.

SURVIVING PIONEER OF 1847 HONORED

A full page color portrait of Mary Ann Park Brockbank, grandmother of Mrs. LaVon Johnson of Berkeley, was published in the July 20th issue of the Deseret News. Ninety-seven years old on July 17th, Mrs. Brockbank is the sole survivor of the pioneers who entered Salt Lake Valley in 1847. She was only four years old when she crossed the plains from Winter Quarters with her parents, John and Louise Smith Park, traveling in John Taylor's company which arrived in September, 1847. Her parents moved to Provo under direction of Brigham Young, where she spent most of her childhood. They moved back to Salt Lake City in 1865. Mrs. Brockbank is the mother of 12 children, 46 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

IN HIS COUNTRY'S SERVICE

Friends of Le Roi B. Burrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roby B. Burrell of Dimond ward, will gather at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cherrington on the evening of August 3rd in a farewell party for Roy, who is leaving on the 7th for the naval training station at San Diego preparatory to joining the navy. Roy has been active in scouting and Aaronic Priesthood work; he is a member of six years' standing, and has served as assistant patrol leader, patrol leader and senior patrol leader.



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MARTINEZ CHAPEL

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pose of organizing a Stake at Zion in northern California, Martinez became one of the original wards. Their branch presidency was promoted to be the bishopric of the new ward.

"Yes," said John J. Kest to the writer, "I was bishop of Martinez for about eight years, and let me tell you we surely did some pioneering." The following are a few incidents related by Elder Kest of the early struggles.

The ward at first comprised the towns of Martinez, Walnut Creek, Crockett, Rodeo, Clyde, Pittsburg, Antioch and Brentwood. When the bishop went to bed he was never sure of being able to sleep throughout the night. At almost any time the telephone would ring and a call would come for him to go twenty miles in one direction to administer to the sick, or fifteen miles in another to comfort the relatives of someone who had just passed away. And one night he was even called in by the police to help settle a free-for-all family fight in the neighborhood.

As Martinez is mainly an industrial town, with large refineries, the membership of the ward was ever fluctuating, and as the other towns were quite a distance away it was not at all unusual during the first few years to have only one or two members of the priesthood at the services. And the same person would very often have to open with prayer, help administer the sacrament, lead the singing, and end up by preaching one of the sermons.

Missionaries from the California Mission were really a Godsend during those poineering years. They not only helped carry on the activities of the ward, but also were indispensible in rounding up old members and bringing new investigators into the fold. David A. Haymore was conference president in those days, and he is well remembered by all the "old timers."

A short time after Elder Kest was made bishop he moved away and was released from his labors. His first counselor, John H. Bunce, then became bishop in his place, with Andrew Easton as first, and John T. Abbott as second counselor, and Mernie A. Bunce, ward clerk. Elder Kest returned to Martinez in 1928. As Elder Bunce was suffering from ill health, he was released as bishop and Elder Kest was once more given the office, on August 26, 1928. Elders Easton and Abbott retained their positions as counselors, and E. J. Barnes was made ward clerk.

The first place of meeting for the ward was the Odd Fellows hall, and as all sorts of other meetings, parties or affairs were held there, the members of the church were never sure in what condition they might find the hall on Sunday morning. One Sabbath they received word that the Stake Presidency were going to attend the evening services. Of course they wanted their place of meeting to look as nice as possible. After Sunday School they cleaned the hall and straightened the chairs, several of the good sisters went out and found flowers and arranged them artistically, and the premises were left looking their best. At about 6:45 that evening the Stake Presidency and the Bishopric arrived at the hall, and when the doors were unlocked what a sight met their eyes! A Portuguese wedding had been held there during the afternoon, and beside the general confusion, the hall fairly reeked of spilled wine and tobacco smoke.

This was probably one of the experiences which aroused the Saints to the ideal of some day having their own chapel, although at that time it must have seemed very far off and impossible. However, they felt that it was necessary for them to find some other place of meeting and after searching throughout the town, the small hall at 1022 Thompson Street was found, practically rebuilt by the members of the ward and used as their chapel until the completion of the present building. It has now been given by the landlord to the members of the church, who plan to tear down the building and use the material in the erection of a caretaker's cottage.

During the worst depression years there was much suffering among the Saints, and the care of the poor was very strenuous. Every cent that could possibly be raised by fast offerings found an immediate use, and sometimes it was even necessary to use part of the tithing for the care of the needy and the sick. The bishopric, assisted by the Relief Society, under the direction of Mrs. Barnes, did their best to alleviate suffering, especially among the faithful, during those hard years when so many were unemployed.

In January, 1935, due to Elder Kest once again moving from the ward, Elder John T. Abbott was made bishop, with Andrew Easton and Willard B. Knowles as first and second counselors, respectively, and Albert Guymon as ward clerk. In 1939 Andrew Easton was released as first counselor and his place was filled by Elder Guymon, with the office of ward clerk being held by Le Grande Cooke. And so the bishopric stands today.

When the present members of this bishopric were asked concerning their problems, they replied, "Well, our chief problem has been the erection of the new chapel," and we feel that this new chapel speaks very highly for the integrity, industry, and efficiency of the present membership of the ward, and that it will stand for many years as a symbol of what has been accomplished by all of these good brothers and sisters from its beginning.

CALIFORNIA MISSION RENEWS ACTIVITY IN STAKE

Evacuation of missionaries from European fields has increased the number available for the western hemisphere, with the result that there have been sufficient to assign some to metropolitan centers which hitherto have been handled by Stake missionaries. Several missionaries have been assigned to San Francisco and Oakland Stakes where they will collaborate with Stake missionaries in tracting, cottage meetings and other labors. Thus far those assigned to Oakland Stake consist of four ladies, Sisters Dorothy Groves and Arlene Redd, who will labor in Berkeley, and Sisters Jones and Biehwig, who will labor in Claremont.

DESTRUCTION UPON THE WATERS

"Nevertheless, I suffered it that ye might bear record; behold, there are many dangers upon the waters, and more especially hereafter; . . . . . .

"Behold, I, the Lord, in the beginning blessed the waters; but in the last days, by the mouth of my servant John, I cursed the waters.

"Wherefore, the days will come that no flesh shall be safe upon the waters.

"And it shall be said in days to come that none is able to go up to the land of Zion upon the waters, but he that is upright in heart."

Doctrine and Covenants, 6:4, 14-16.

BERKELEY WARD

All Services Held at Chapel, Corner Vine and Walnut Streets, Berkeley

The Sunday evening service of June 30, was under the direction of the genealogical association—Alvin Carpenter spoke on the subject, "The Significance of Temple Work for the Living." Special music was furnished by Francis Neilson, soloist, and Nelle Bean, pianist.

President and Mrs. W. Aird McDonald were Berkeley visitors recently. They came here to meet their son, Keith, who was returning from the Northwestern States Mission.

A special feature of the M.I.A. Sunday service for July was a song service conducted by Maybeth Johnson and vocal duets by Orthella Hughes and Oral Luke. M-Men and Gleaner Girls who also contributed to the program were Carver Moosman, Kathryn Rock, Phil Bean, Mary Lou Coombs, Clark Hughes and Mel Puterbaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hall are now enjoying a motor trip east. They will visit the New York World's Fair, as well as places of interest in early church history.

On Sunday, July 21, the speakers at the evening service were Ray Dorton and Delbert H. Wright. They were representatives of the high council. Musical selections were given by Afton Stout, soloist, and Karleton Driggs, organist.

The auxiliary organizations of the ward are actively carrying on their summer work. The Relief Society are doing special sewing for the Red Cross.

The Primary Beginners' group had their party under the direction of Mrs. Sorensen. Group I was entertained by their leader Bessie Brab. Group II was entertained by Mary Huish. This group has a membership of eight members, each one eight years of age. The motif of eight was carried out in the decorations.

Zion's Boys and Zion's Girls enjoyed a picnic at Tilden Park under the leadership of Lyle Coombs. The Blue Birds entertained their mothers, with the help of their leader, Thelma Gardner. The Trekkers, under the direction of Edith Pyle, enjoyed a breakfast party at Sequoia Park. The Trail Builders attended a radio broadcast at KSFO, followed by a trip to Fleischhacker Zoo with their leaders, Lella Erickson and Lyle Coombs. The Sea Gulls have cooking as their project. They are preparing for further activities later in the summer under the direction of their leader, Francell Larson.

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July 16, the whole Primary paid a very interesting and profitable visit to the Berkeley Post Office.

Among the activities of the M.I.A. was a swimming party at Richmond Natatorium and a chili feed at the chapel. An old-time costume dance was held in the recreation hall on Tuesday July 16, under the direction of Huberta Compton. The M-Men and Gleaner Girls served the refreshments.

Laurel Knight spent her vacation in Salt Lake and other Utah cities.

The Von T. Ellsworths have returned from a vacation trip in the Redwoods.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Douglas Barnes of Long Beach, are among recent Berkeley visitors.

Victor Lindblad, Scout executive, and Dr. Ray Knight, chairman of Health and Safety of the Berkeley-Contra Costa area of Boy Scouts, attended a council meeting at Camp Wolfborro on Sunday, July 14. The purpose of this meeting was to make a survey of the camp, with the view of improving the camping conditions and safeguarding the health of our Boy Scouts while in camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hart are the proud parents of a patriotic son, born July 4.

Bishop and Mrs. Jess Farr have left on a combined business and pleasure trip to Washington, D. C. They will be gone about two months.

VALLEJO WARD

Meet at 2010 Marin Street, Vallejo

Sunday evening, June 30, we had as our speaker, Robert Kist from Oakland. He was accompanied here by his mother and two sisters who favored us with musical numbers.

The "Summer Formal" given by the Mutual, was well attended.

July 14 our evening speakers were Evan Holmstead and Mr. Kirkham from San Francisco ward.

Saturday, July 20, the Napa Branch and Vallejo ward enjoyed a picnic at Coomb's Ranch in Napa. In the evening a pageant was presented, depicting the pioneers crossing the plains, to commemorate Utah Pioneer Day, July 24.

Alfred J. Knight, superintendent of our Sunday School, and his wife and two small daughters have returned from a vacation spent in Washington and Oregon.

The Vallejo ward Relief Society spent all day July 10 sewing dresses for the Red Cross, at which time seven little dresses were completed and handed to the Red Cross supervisor by the president, Ruby Larsen.

MARTINEZ WARD

Services Held at Chapel end of Arch Street

June 30 Martinez ward held its first Sunday School in the new chapel. President Clyde Summerhays was present and spoke briefly. At the sacrament meeting in the evening Mr. and Mrs. William E. Potts were in charge of the program.

Mrs. May Taylor of San Diego, who has been visiting at the home of her son, Everett Acor, in Concord, has returned to her home.

A. B. Crandall and family of Tracy were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Crandall's sister, Mrs. Mabel Wadsworth.

Mrs. Hannah B. Nicolas of Willard, Utah, was a visitor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Storey. Mrs. Storey and children, Michael and Ronald, accompanied Mrs. Nicolas back to Utah for a visit.

The Easton family presented the program at Sacrament meeting July 7.

Walter Brey of Salt Lake City, a former member of our ward, visited in Martinez for a week.

Bishop Abbott and family are vacationing in the mountains.

Claude Wadsworth and son, Blaine, are in Utah on a vacation trip. Mabel Wadsworth and children, Beverly, Jerry and Nelson, are spending their vacation in the mountains.

The Stanley Dahlin family are leaving July 26 for a four weeks' trip to Tennessee to visit Stanley's father.

MAXWELL PARK WARD

Services Held in Masonic Hall, Corner Foothill Boulevard and Mason Street

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Earl are visiting many relatives and friends in Utah and Idaho.

On July 14 our sacrament meeting was conducted by Myrtle Larson, who has charge of Junior Genealogy class. Program was given by members of the class. Speakers were Lyle Bowen, Bud Larson and Theodore Gwinn. Vocal duet by Rita and Estralla Kaleikaw. They are to be highly complimented for the fine program rendered.

Many members of the Maxwell Park ward extend their sympathies to the F. H. Rainey family in the loss of their mother, Maud Rainey, who passed away July 8. Burial was at Richmond, Utah.

William A. Marchant has been ill at his home for the past week.

Many friends of Lewis Schley will be saddened to hear of his mother's passing away.

Marjorie Paine is spending part of her vacation in Ogden, Utah, visiting relatives and friends.

ELMHURST WARD

Services Held at Chapel, 96th Avenue and Derby Street, Oakland

The graduation exercises for the Elmhurst Primary Association, were held in connection with the M.I.A. conjoint, the first Sunday in July. Four girls, Marilyn Nelson, Carol Davidson, Dorothy Ostegar, and Margaret Webb, and two boys, Gerald Smith and Glenn Cheney, each received a certificate of graduation and were recommended to the M.I.A.

Ex-Bishop and Mrs. Horace J. McFarlane were honored by the entire ward at a party given in the chapel on July 17. At the program the guests of honor were presented with a set of Church History, by B. H. Roberts, as a token of love and affection. After the program, a short, one-act play, under the direction of Mrs. Davidson, was given in recreation hall, which was followed by dancing. Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served. Bishop McFarlane stood at our head from January, 1932, to February, 1940, during which time he, as well as his excellent wife, won the love and esteem of everyone in the ward. Bishop Ream, his successor, was master of ceremonies for the social.

Among those who have recently been away from Elmhurst on vacations, are the following: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Owens, at Yosemite. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Cheney, at Blue Lake, Calif. Mrs. Lydia Pearson, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Hatfield, visited in Provo, Utah, and Bill Nelson in southern California. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brush and Elma Moody, in Utah. Mrs. Eva Nethercott has returned from a vacation at Bear Lake, Idaho.

The Discussion group, which meet every second Thursday, are taking up the book, "The Way to Perfection," as their next subject for study—they desire to extend an invitation to all the ladies of the ward to join them in their interesting discussions .

At the regular July fast Sunday services, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Watkins was blessed and given the name of Gary Edward.

The Primary Association recently held a picnic for the children at Arroyo Viejo Park. Games and races of all kinds were held, followed by a weiner roast, and ending with free ice cream for the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stratford of Ogden, Utah, are visiting at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Horace J. McFarlane.

The 247the Quorum of Seventy, which is composed of members of the Dimond, Maxwell Park, Alameda, Elmhurst and Hayward wards, held its annual party in the recreation hall of the Elmhurst chapel on Friday evening, July 19. A very interesting program, consisting of community singing, readings, songs in English and various other languages, speeches, and magic was followed by games, dances and refreshments. The evening accomplished much in the line of creating a more friendly attitude between the members and helping newcomers in the quorum to become better acquainted.

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remaining in Elmhurst for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. L. Movell Day.

Mr. Peter M. Ostegar, his son, James C. Ostegar and wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Rasmuson, all of southern Idaho, were recent guests for a week at the home of Mr. Ostegar's eldest son, Oliver C. Ostegar.

OAKLAND WARD

Services Held at Chapel, Corner Moss Avenue and Webster Street, Oakland

Reserve this date, August 3, for Oakland ward's annual outing. Place to be announced later.

Rose Ogden has chosen Mrs. Breck and Mrs. Tribe as counselors to assist her in Relief Society.

Marshall Stoddard has been released as deacon advisor and has been replaced by Reed Johnson and Robert Bradley.

Bishop and Mrs. John Shields have just returned from vacationing via New York.

The Doxeys, Mausses and Fieldings are all in new homes.

CLAREMONT WARD

Services Held at 2980 Adeline Street, Berkeley

July 12, at the home of Selden and Roberta Millward, the Sunday School officers and teachers, had a meeting which was followed by a social. Carl Bromley, Sunday School superintendent, presided. Dane Gaisford, one of Carl Bromley's assistants, was released with many thanks for his work during the last six months. Ward Ingham was introduced as his new assistant. Mrs. Badowin was then set is on a Southern States mission. Twenty-one were present at the meeting.

Mrs. Elizabeth Burdett and her son, Bobby, have gone to Burbank, California, to visit with Marie and Bud Compton, formerly of Claremont. Leaving just a few days after her mother, Helen Burdett left for Ogden, Utah.

Mrs. Pearl Taylor is at Salt Lake City for two or three months.

June 29, a baby boy was born to Adrian and Gurden Carter, Adrian Carter is the daughter of Ignacia Perry and sister of Dorothy Perry of Claremont ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Clark of Grantsville were here for a week to visit Lucille anc Martin Jeffries.

During the month of June nine ward members were high in the mountains in De Sabla enjoying their vacation. They were Mrs. Gertrude Lowry, Glenna Lowry, Kay Lowry, Betty Rawson, Betty Westcott of Berkeley; Don Westcott, Ruth Tarter, Mrs. Ignacia Perry and Dorothy Perry. While away they attended Sunday School in Gridley one Sunday and held their own class another Sunday.

Ruth Tarter is in Marin County visiting with her aunt and uncle of Fairfax for two weeks.

Miss Maud Evans of Mesa, Arizona, is in Oakland visiting with Stanley and Maureen Carr.

Mrs. J. W. Butcher and her granddaughter, Norma Jean Beveridge, spent a vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Butcher.

Miss Evelyn Burgen of Claremont announced her engagement to Allen Shea of Berkeley ward. The wedding will take place in November and in the spring they are going to Salt Lake City for a Temple marriage.

Bryant Knowlton is the new assistan teacher of the Adult class. Heber Brown is th regular teacher.

Lenore and Joe Woods returned from a tour through Canada, where they visited with our missionary, Warren Carr, and Washington, D. C., New York, Philadelphia and Salt Lake City. They were the main speakers July 6 for the Mutual at sacrament meeting and told the details of their trip. Bishop Farr of Berkeley ward sang two solos which accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Woods.

At the home of Mrs. Charles Carr, the Relief Society held a sewing bee for the Red Cross. Lenore Woods presided and Lois Duran and Marjorie Woods sang two duets.

Mrs. Clara Gleason returned from a trip to the Atlantic coast. Accompanying Mrs. Gleason was Margaret Petry, her granddaughter. Mrs. Gleason is in the Relief Society presidency.

Mrs. Jenny Wolf has just returned from a trip East.

Miss Marian Crockett is visiting with her sister, Lorna Birchall.

Mrs. Ignacia Perry is in Vallejo visiting with her sister, Mrs. Van Osdel.

RICHMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel, Corner 28th Street and Nevin Avenue, Richmond

Bishop and Mrs. Arthur L. Hopkins and family spent a week vacationing at Clear Lake.

Mrs. Edmond Phelps and children are vacationing in Utah.

The ward choir held one of their weekly practices at the home of the director and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Alma C. Martenson. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Aikens and family enjoyed two week's vacationing through Idaho, Yellowstone Park and Utah.

We welcome into the ward, Mr. and Mrs. Bradford of Tooele, Utah.

Mrs. Elise Picklesimer has moved to Oakland ward.

Miss Lillian Morley accompanied and served as guardian to the Camp Fire Girls group which spent two weeks at Camp Seabou at Branscombe, California. Miss Betty Lou Stoddard was one of the Camp Fire Girls. Her mother, Mrs. George Stoddard, spent a weekend with her and the girls before they returned home.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:
To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hart, Berkeley, a son, July 4.
To Mr. and Mrs. Allan Tidwell, Richmond, a daughter, July 26.

BLESSINGS:
Edith Patricia Carlson, Berkeley.
Lon Michael Carlson, Berkeley.
Clifford Allan English, Berkeley.
Stephen John Roland, Berkeley.
Kathleen Ricks, Berkeley.
Steven Thomas Birchall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Birchall, Claremont.
Carol Ann Terry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn S. Terry, Claremont.
Chris LeMaure Jefferies, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jefferies, Claremont.
David James Schettler, Oakland.
Ronald Gordon Storey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Storey, Martinez.
Gerald Louis Sassone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sassone, Richmond.
Velma Jean Abrao, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Abrao, Richmond.
Gary Edward Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Watkins.

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS:
Julaine Lott, Martinez.
John David Ellsworth, Berkeley.

ORDINATIONS:
Jesse C. Walker, Richmond, Elder.
Paul E. Johnson, Richmond, Elder.
Edward J. Philips, Oakland, Priest.
Emery Ranker, Oakland, Deacon.
Glenn Cheney, Elmhurst, Deacon.
Gerald Smith, Elmhurst, Deacon.

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